

Shipmate June 2019
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As you read this spring is nearing an end and the hot, humid Chesapeake Bay summer is soon to arrive! This was a very interesting winter with lots of snow in the west and northeast, and enough cold here in the DC area to freeze the ponds and lakes. Last week I was in the Yard just long enough to notice the signs of spring – daffodils sprouting and plenty of buds on the trees; however, Worden Field was very brown. I didn't stroll along Stribling Walk this visit, but surely will on my next trip to Mother B. Now, it's time for the updates!

First up is a report on the Distinguished Graduate Award (DGA) ceremony! On Friday, March 22nd our classmate, **Walter "Walt" Havenstein**, was presented the Distinguished Graduate Award (DGA) in Alumni Hall. **Bob Capra** sent this note about the event: "Prior to the DGA ceremony, Judy and Walt hosted a reception for family, guests and classmates at the Naval Academy Club where he addressed the group. Then Judy and Walt visited with the classmates who traveled to Annapolis to support and honor him and his family. Approximately 25 classmates and wives attended the ceremony including the following nine from 14th Company: Betty & **Jim Elfelt**, Jeannie & **Ed Kellogg**, Joyce & **Dave Laws**, Nancy & **Micajah Newman**, **Bill Organek**, Elaine & **Ruben Torres**, Karen & **Bill Williams**, and Jona and me (see the photo below).



CAPTION (L-R): 14th Company attendees - Mike Newman, Dave Laws, Walt Havenstein, Bob Capra, Bill Williams, Ed Kellogg, Mike Organek, and Jim Elfelt. Ruben Torres 14th CO (NG) is not in the photo

Other classmates and wives attending included: **Peter de Vos, Frank Culbertson, Mike Lynch, Rick “Rex” Ector**, Kathi and **Jim Hergenroeder**, Cathy and **Bill Butler**, Connie and **Steve Bruce**, Kathleen and **Steve Cheney**, **Tom Dalton**, Jane and **Bill Hoover**, Lisa and **Duke Longworth**, Jean and **Perry Martini**, and Pam and **Mike McNallen**.

“The award ceremony was very moving with each of the five DGA recipients speaking of their careers and imparting very diverse and outstanding life lessons to members of the Brigade. Walt’s remarks were excellent! One of his main points for the brigade was something he learned early on in his career, ‘good enough is not good enough.’ As humble as Walt is, one of the other things he said about his civilian career was that he was really a Marine Platoon Leader parading as a businessman!

“Following the ceremony, the DGA Award recipients attended a dinner in Memorial Hall while **Mike McNallen**, our class VP, arranged a buffet dinner for our

classmates and spouses back at the Naval Academy Club. Overall it was a tremendous day and evening with classmates and company-mates! Bob.” Excellent note! Thank you, Bob! I was glad that Lisa and I could attend to share the moment with good friends and classmates. Also, I’ve included a couple photos below.



CAPTION: '71 Classmates with Judy and Walt



CAPTION (L-R) Class Officers Pam & Mike McNallen, Jean & Perry Martini, Lisa & Duke Longworth, Tom Laboon, Judy and Walt Havenstein, Joyce & Dave Laws

Here's a note from **Dennis "Vig" Viglienzone**: "My wife Norma and I thank Karen and **Vic Linck** for establishing a college scholarship in memory of our late son, PFC Caesar Viglienzone. The scholarship is administered by the Marines' Memorial Association in San Francisco. Our thanks also go to the many members of 29th Company, friends, and family who supported the scholarship with their donations. Our son was KIA 01 Feb 2006 with two other soldiers while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq. Caesar is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio near the Golden Gate Bridge, where the Blue Angels fly every Fleet Week in the City by the Bay. Dennis." Thank you for sharing with us, Dennis. Your loss is a painful reminder of our struggles in the war on terrorism.

It is my sad duty to pass along the passing of our dear friend and classmate, **Doug Murphy**, who died from pulmonary fibrosis on 18 March in Cornerstone Hospice, The Villages, Florida. Doug was born 22 January 1949 in Dover, New Hampshire. Following high school graduation, he joined us on 28 June 1967. He was a proud member of the 23rd Company, and was loved by all who knew him and spent many

happy days with him in Mother B. He was known for his athleticism and at times one who wore the Superintendent's lists stars as an all-star academic. Doug was a member of the indoor track team, and starred on the 23rd Company's Lightweight Football team leading them to a Regimental Championship in 1970. After graduation, Doug attended the Nuclear Power School in Idaho Falls. His submarine duty included *USS Ethan Allen* (SSBN 608), and later as an Instructor at a Submarine Prototype School. He then separated from the Navy. He worked as a nuclear engineer for Pacific Gas & Electric in San Francisco, CA until retirement. In 2012, he moved to The Villages, FL to enjoy retirement in a golfing community, where he proudly drove his Naval Academy themed golf cart. Additionally, was a member of The Villages Aquatic Swim Team. Doug was also a true New Englander sports fan and was very proud to wear his Red Sox or Patriots shoes.

Doug is survived by his daughters Shawna Murphy and her mother Jill Gallant; daughter Lisa Murphy and her mother Marie Gaynor Murphy; and, his fiancé, Becky Windle. You can make contributions in his honor to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation and Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. May Doug now rest in peace, *Duces Virum*.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health, healing when needed, and safety in their travels. Our classmates in leadership as well as those in volunteer organizations need our thoughts and prayers, too. For everything there is a season and a purpose. Today is the gift of "the present." Life is precious and too short –love passionately, give and share your blessings generously with others – as we are richly blessed so may we richly bless others. Remember, too, that words have the power to elevate and to destroy, so use your words carefully! Give thanks for your many blessings, especially for family and of citizenship in our great nation. As much as ever, this is the time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. There is plenty of work remaining as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke